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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 01/05/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/29/01
BRO-FRY	125,379	120,054
LT HENS	1,565	1,282
HVY HENS	1,212	847

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 22-Dec-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	407	0	407
LAST WEEK	344	0	344
SAME WK YR AGO	497	0	497
TO DATE 2001	20,750	305	21,055
TO DATE 2000	23,126	612	23,738

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,349	1,419	3,768
LAST WEEK	2,289	1,403	3,692
SAME WK YR AGO	1,861	1,176	3,037
TO DATE 2001	111,728	70,965	182,693
TO DATE 2000	118,768	73,575	192,343

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	115,281 (A)	1,176	818	1,994
AVG WT	5.23	3.46	7.98	5.31
LAST WEEK	159,450	1,942	1,419	3,361
SAME WEEK YR AGO	116,494	1,359	719	2,078
AVG WT	5.14	3.99	8.16	5.44
TO-DATE/2001	7,949,708	92,154	71,478	163,632
TO-DATE/2000	7,936,807	97,001	73,682	170,683

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 141.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 116.7 million head or 24.9 million head less than or 84 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING December 22, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE (B) RETAIL (C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN 4.21-5.25 LBS 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	19,781	31,665	26,482
AVG WEIGHT	4.05	4.58	5.92
% OF TOTAL /1	25%	41%	34%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	16,831	18,672	25,932
AVG WEIGHT	3.55	4.58	6.18
% OF TOTAL /1	27%	30%	42%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	24,254	21,621	25,187
AVG WEIGHT	3.74	4.72	6.05
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	30%	35%
TO DATE/2001	1,545,384	1,364,433	2,173,340
TO DATE/2000	1,646,591	1,643,082	2,047,819

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,000	1,639	22	16	2,677
AVG WT	15.73	37.61	25.97	27.92	29.28
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,857	2,819	54	12	4,742
SAME WEEK YR AGO	993	1,585	13	11	2,602
AVG WT	15.35	36.40	24.13	32.29	28.29
TO-DATE/2001	104,254	142,615	2,366	598	249,833
TO-DATE/2000	252,352 (B)		1,785	1,292	255,429

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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